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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 11

Introduced by: Carbaugh

February 1, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of adoption costs and barriers.

Whereas, According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, 641,000 children lived in foster care in 2012;

Whereas, Even with 52,000 adoptions, 102,000 children were still legally available for adoption;

Whereas, When a good family adopts a child, the child receives the love and support necessary for a happy, productive childhood;



Whereas, This child may also be able to experience siblings in this new family and build lifetime bonds;

Whereas, Adopting a child is typically a long, drawn-out process that often takes months or years;

Whereas, According to the Child Welfare Information Gateway, a resource from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, licensed agency adoptions can cost from \$5,000 to \$40,000 or more to complete and maintain; and

Whereas, With so many children waiting to be adopted, it would behoove our state and country to thoroughly investigate new ways to reduce the costs and barriers that stand in the way of providing happy, productive homes to all those children waiting to be adopted: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
2 appropriate study committee the topic of adoption costs and barriers.

